

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes February 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Porter called the monthly meeting of the Kansas State Board of Education to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, in the Board Room at the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson St., Topeka, Kansas. He welcomed those in attendance.

2/14/2017
A.M. Session
(00:00:05)

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present:

John Bacon	Deena Horst	Jim Porter
Kathy Busch	Ann Mah	Steve Roberts
Sally Cauble	Jim McNiece	Janet Waugh

Member Ken Willard was absent.

STATE BOARD MISSION STATEMENT, MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Porter read both the Board's Mission Statement and *Kansans Can* Vision Statement. He then asked for a moment of silence after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Porter announced that Item 20 concerning cultural diversity and ethnic studies would be postponed until a future time because the presenters had afternoon conflicts arise. There were no other changes. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the Tuesday agenda as amended. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Horst moved to approve the minutes of the January Board meeting. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In his monthly report to the Board, Commissioner Watson discussed how data now available from the National Student Clearinghouse will help track students' postsecondary enrollment and progress. He illustrated statewide data using the graduating class of 2010 to show the number of students who entered postsecondary institutions, finished or were no longer enrolled. He noted that the NSC data coupled with graduation data will help drive the *Kansans Can* vision. Commissioner Watson answered several questions on such topics as college transfers, military enlistments and training school personnel on how to use the information as a growth tool. He also commented on the following:

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- the previous evening's dinner with the State Board and committee members from House and Senate Education and K-12 budget
- meetings with legislators on various bills
- the informational *Kansans Can* videos and postcards sent weekly to legislators
- ongoing work with higher education

Human Resource Director Wendy Fritz briefed Board members on the process of selecting a new superintendent for the Kansas State Schools for the Deaf and Blind. The application deadline is March 17, after which formal interviews and stakeholder meetings will be conducted. A recommendation will be made to the Board no later than May.

CITIZENS' OPEN FORUM

Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum open at 10:36 a.m. There was one speaker: John Morton, Emporia State University, who invited members to the April 7 conference sponsored by the Association of Teacher Educators-Kansas. Chairman Porter declared the Citizens' Forum closed at 10:39 a.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE COALITION OF INNOVATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ISSUING SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATES

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Coalition Chairman Bill Mullins, USD 364 Marysville, reminded members of the Specialized Certificate approval process. He then presented recommendations for issuing Specialized Certificates to five applicants in USD 500 Kansas City Kansas. He stated that applicants have been approved by the local school district and the Coalition. USD 500 continues to implement a multi-step vetting process and extensive training schedule. Shelly Beech, USD 500 Director of Professional Workforce Development, commented on the educator vacancies candidates would be filling, adding that all are participating in the Teaching Fellows Program through Pittsburg State University. She answered questions about the 15 Specialized Certificates approved last June for USD 500. Mr. McNiece moved to suspend Board practice to allow for a vote this month on a receive item. Mr. Roberts seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the five Specialized Certificate applications as presented for use in USD 500. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. Specialized Certificates are good for one year and are non-transferrable to any other Kansas school district.

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BREAK

Board members took a break until 11:05 a.m.

ACTION ON KANSAS EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION UNIFIED K-6

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Susan Helbert, Assistant Director of Teacher Licensure and Accreditation, along with standards writing committee chair Dr. Sally Roberts from the University of Kansas, presented the final proposed standards for Elementary Education Unified K-6, which would serve as a direct entry special education program for teacher candidates. Institutions of Higher Education would utilize these program standards to develop their educator preparation programs. Dr. Roberts informed the Board that the document now reflects recent updates in the elementary science standards as well as feedback from the public comment period. Board members inquired about categorical aid reimbursement, anticipated reduction in issuance of special education waivers, pedagogical training, and a future report on the interest of students and higher ed in this license. Mrs. Busch moved to approve the new educator preparation program standards for Elementary Education Unified K-6. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 7-2, with Mr. Bacon and Mr. Roberts in opposition.

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ACTION ON REQUIREMENT TO DETERMINE AND CERTIFY HARD-TO-FILL POSITIONS

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K.S.A. 74-4937, Section 5(b), requires the State Board of Education to annually certify the top five types of licensed positions that are hard to fill. Once determined, a school district would be allowed to hire retirees in those positions, plus special education, for up to 36 months if districts are willing to pay the KPERS surcharge. Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis presented the top five list which was a result of vacancies reported by school districts through the Fall Vacancy Report for 2016-17. There was discussion about whether it was acceptable to further broaden the position categories. Mrs.

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Cauble moved to approve the following positions as hard to fill for the 2016-17 school year: Elementary Classroom Teacher, Mathematics (5-12), Life and Physical Sciences (5-12), English Language Arts (5-12), and Fine and Performing Arts (PreK-12). Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

UPDATE ON REVIEW OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS STANDARDS

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Suzy Myers, English Language Arts Consultant, informed the Board about progress made in the review of the English Language Arts standards by the three workgroups. She described proposed changes.

The full committee will meet March 9 to prepare the document for public review. The next steps are to conduct regional feedback meetings and incorporate any additional changes. Chairman Porter recommended filling the legislator vacancy on the review committee.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENT DR. KELLY GILLESPIE FOR DESIGN OF DIGITAL OBSERVATION SYSTEM FOR INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERS

Dr. Kelly Gillespie is CEO of the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center in Sublette. She recently received the E. Roberts Stephens Award from the Association of Educational Service Agencies for her design of the Digital eWalk Through® System as a formative feedback tool for use by principals. She spoke to the Board about the importance of providing educators with support to improve practices through feedback, coaching and mentoring.

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At 12:05 p.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting for lunch until 1:30 p.m. The Board's Policy Committee met during the lunch break.

LUNCH

RECOGNITION OF 2017 KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR TEAM

Chairman Porter reconvened the meeting and welcomed the first afternoon presenters. Following opening remarks by Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis, members of the 2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year team introduced themselves and each one talked about a specific aspect of education. They shared stories about meeting a student's individual needs, advocacy, innovative classroom projects, building foundational relationships, and improving students' soft skills. A question and answer period followed.

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Those presenting were Kansas Teacher of the Year Jason Sickel, a vocal music teacher at Blue Valley North High School (USD 229), and team members Crystal May, a fourth grade mathematics, science and social studies teacher at Pray-Woodman Elementary in Maize (USD 266), Jonathan Ferrell, a sixth grade science teacher at Briarwood Elementary in Overland Park (USD 512), Lori Stratton, an English and reading teacher at Wamego High School (USD 320), Brent Wolf, a sixth grade English language arts teacher at Derby North Middle School (USD 260), Maret Schrader, a language arts teacher at Seaman High School in Topeka (USD 345), Kristi Bruce, a fourth grade teacher at Auburn Elementary School (USD 437), and Jennifer Farr, a fifth grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary in Junction City (USD 475).

RECOGNITION OF SECURITY BENEFIT AS CHIEF CORPORATE PARTNER FOR KANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

The State Board of Education recognized Security Benefit, Topeka, for its longtime partnership with the Kansas State Department of Education's Kansas Teacher of the Year program. Doug Wolff, President of Security Benefit Life, accepted the inscribed recognition plaque presented by Chairman Porter commemorating 18 years of serving as chief corporate partner for the KTOY program. Mr. Dennis commented on the level of Security Benefit's involvement stretching beyond monetary support. Security Benefit associates serve on the Kansas Foundation for Excellence in Education's Board of Directors, the KTOY state steering committee and state selection committee, in addition to participating in regional and state awards banquets. Mr. Wolff introduced colleagues in attendance and briefly addressed the Board.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Busch moved to enter into Executive Session for 15 minutes for the purpose of consultation with an attorney which would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client relationship, in order to protect the privilege and the Board's communications with its attorney on legal matters. The session would begin at 2:50 p.m. following a break for photos with Security Benefit representatives and the KTOY

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team. Mark Ferguson, Randy Watson and Scott Gordon were invited to join the session. Mr. McNiece seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Open session resumed at 3:07 p.m. Linda Sieck represented the Professional Practices Commission. Mrs. Busch asked Board Attorney Mark Ferguson to clarify the conflict between the statute and regulation pertaining to the Madison Beckman breach of contract case. Discussion followed, including comments about the contents of the Final Order and the local board of education's decision. Mrs. Busch moved to take the recommended action of the Professional Practices Commission and suspend Ms. Beckman's license for the remainder of the 2016-17 contract year. Mr. Bacon seconded. Motion carried 8-0. Mr. Roberts recused himself from the vote.

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Ms. Sieck then presented the next set of cases. Mrs. Horst moved to adopt the findings of the PPC and revoke the licenses of Troy Smith and Karen Marshall. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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The next action was on a petition for reconsideration of the State Board's Final Order revoking the license of Ansel Barngrover. Mrs. Horst moved to reject the Petition for Reconsideration submitted by Ansel Barngrover and reaffirm the findings of fact and conclusions of the Board in its Order signed Jan. 11, 2017, which adopted the recommendation of the PPC after a 9-0 vote of the Board on Jan. 10, 2017. Mrs. Cauble seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

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RECEIVE HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Education Program Consultant Catherine Chmidling introduced the three committee members who individually summarized proposed revisions to licensure program standards for Chemistry 6-12, Physics 6-12 and Foreign Language PreK-12. These content program standards help establish what is taught in higher education teacher preparation programs. Presenters were Dorothy Hanna from Kansas Wesleyan for chemistry, Eryn Norton Moland from USD 343 for physics, and Leah Ward from USD 259 for foreign language. Board members received the revised standards for review, the previous standards and a comparison of the two versions. Each committee representative answered questions. The Board is expected to vote on the standards in March.

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Board members took a break from 4 to 4:10 p.m.

BREAK

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Deputy Commissioner Dale Dennis provided an update on recent legislative activity and specifically addressed a number of bills concerning education. He reviewed selected House and Senate bills that are being tracked, including Senate Bill 138 (exempting KPERS licensed school retirants from the working after retirement earnings limitation), Senate Bill 146 (continuation of 20 mill statewide levy for schools), and House Bill 2048 (school district plan addressing child sexual abuse). He provided information on a House Tax Plan and a proposed school finance plan. He answered questions throughout his presentation.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Cauble moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Busch seconded. Motion carried 9-0. In the Consent Agenda, the Board:

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- received the monthly Personnel Report for January.
- confirmed the unclassified special projects personnel appointment of Jason Howe as Applications Developer on the Information Technology team, effective Jan. 17, 2017, at an annual salary of \$44,990.40.

- received second quarter reports (FY 2017) from the Kansas State School for the Deaf and Kansas State School for the Blind.
- authorized the following school districts to hold elections on the question of issuing bonds in excess of the district's general bond debt limitation: USD 264 Clearwater, USD 265 Goddard, USD 423 Moundridge.
- authorized the following school districts to receive capital improvement (bond and interest) state aid as authorized by law: USD 264 Clearwater, USD 265 Goddard, USD 298 Lincoln, USD 423 Moundridge.
- accepted the following recommendations for licensure waivers valid for one school year:
Art – extension on number of days on an emergency substitute license -- Tiffany Ray, USD 260. Early Childhood Special Education -- Gwendolyn Dunwiddie, USD 500; Emily Warner, D0605. Early Childhood Special Education – extension on number of days on an emergency substitute license - Fabiola Gutierrez-Mendoza, USD 457. English as a Second Language – extension on number of days on an emergency substitute license -- Amanda Burress, USD 500. Gifted -- Molly Kysar, USD 260; Jennifer Taylor, USD 336. High Incidence Special Education -- Christopher Richards, Brian Arnold, Natalie Post, USD 202; Madeline Fowler, USD 253; Bailee Jablonowski, Travis Malone, USD 260; Jennifer Taylor, USD 336; Brandon Callahan, Laura Ehler, USD 345; Jamie Slupianek, USD 364; Eric Winters, USD 418; Cristen Bray, USD 453; Raul Silva Sr., Dustin Hopkins, USD 457; Stephanie Sykes, Bruce Lapham, Matthew Fearing, Paul Vaillancourt, Audrey Boring, Brandon Goodwin, Connie Shirley-Olson, Daniel Borger, Destinee Eubank, Janis Tolly, Makayla Sejkora, Shannon Powell, Michael Fredette, USD 500; Sherece Huddlin, USD 501; Margaret Porter, D0602; Adam Sallee, D0609; Traci Pearce, D0620. High Incidence Special Education – extension on number of days on an emergency substitute license -- Michael Garrison, Dena Walck, Alesa Meschberger, USD 457; John Hendricks, USD 500. Library Media Specialist -- Jason Jones, USD 497. Low Incidence Special Education -- Jennifer Nagel, Nicole Richardson, Taluia Pentecost, USD 259; Emily Freeman, Jessica Schmidt, Vicki Tharp, USD 453; Adam Sallee, D0609. Math -- Robert Zimmerman, USD 259; Melanie McGinn, USD 439. Physical Education – extension on number of days on an emergency substitute license -- Dylan Weaver, USD 404.
- issued Calendar Year 2017 licenses to these recommended commercial driver training schools: Harder Performance Driving School, Overland Park; and Double Team Driving School, Olathe.
- approved recommendations of the Mathematics Partnership Review Committee for funding Title II Part B Mathematics and Science Partnership Grants for 2017-18 as follows: Kansas State University \$155,242; University of Saint Mary \$179,869 in partnership with USD 378, USD 323, USD 379, USD 429, USD 438, USD 233 and USD 416; and Emporia State University \$194,605 in partnership with Pittsburg State University, USD 443, USD 461, USD 484 and USD 446.
- accepted recommendations of the Evaluation Review Committee for higher education accreditations and program reviews as follows: **Kansas State University** — accreditation through Dec. 31, 2023; **Kansas Wesleyan University** — accreditation through Dec. 31, 2023; **Friends University** — Innovative/Experimental Elementary Education (I, K-6) new program approved through Dec. 31, 2018; **Fort Hays State University** — History, Government and Social Studies (I, 6-12), Gifted (A, PreK-12), Library Media Specialist (A, PreK-12), School Psychology (A, B-3, PreK-12) all continuing programs approved through Dec. 31, 2024; **Pittsburg State University** — Biology (I, 6-12), Early Childhood Unified (ECU) (I, B-3), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (A, PreK-12), Mathematics (I, 5-8), Mathematics (I, 6-12), Physics (I, 6-12), Restricted (I, 6-12), and Innovative/Experimental SPED High Incidence (I, 6-12), all continuing programs approved through Dec. 31, 2024; **Wichita State University** — Gifted (A, PreK-12) continuing program approved through Dec. 31, 2024; Innovative/Experimental (I, B-3, K-6) new program approved through Dec. 31, 2018.

authorized the Commissioner of Education to negotiate and

- enter into a contract with the Kansas Department of Agriculture for the purpose of completing on-site health inspections of unlicensed Summer Food Service Program meal preparation and service sites at the rate of \$180 per inspection, not to exceed \$39,600, effective May 15, 2017 and not to exceed four months duration;
- continue a contract with the Kansas Board of Regents to fund the services of a Career Pathways Coordinator position in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018;
- continue a contract with Kansas State University to provide Carl D. Perkins leadership grant activities for the position of Executive Director of FFA in an amount not to exceed \$75,427 effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**
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BOARD REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Legislative — Mrs. Horst compiled information on various bills in her “Capitol Observations,” which she shared with the group. Mr. McNiece regarded the Monday night dinner with legislators as very positive and thanked Board members for their participation.

Communications — Mr. McNiece and Mrs. Horst met earlier in the day to discuss communications strategies.

Coalition of Innovative School Districts — Mrs. Horst noted that there would be a video conference meeting Feb. 16.

Student Voice — Mrs. Horst announced that two sets of student responses were being shared. One was from group conversations with students in Career and Technical Student Organizations and the other was Board meeting observations from Baker University student teachers.

Policy — Mrs. Waugh reported that the Policy Committee met at lunch and considered future agenda items, such as social media usage and PPC guidelines. The group will meet again in March.

Juvenile Justice Oversight — Mrs. Waugh commented on topics of discussion at a recent meeting. These included a reduction in juvenile incarcerations, reporting of truancy, and recidivism.

Teacher Vacancy and Supply — Mrs. Busch reported on the February meeting during which the committee talked about alternative elementary, comprehensive science and special education licenses.

**ATTORNEY'S
REPORT**

Board Attorney Mark Ferguson briefed Board members on the status of lawsuits and offered to answer questions from his monthly written report.

**INDIVIDUAL
MEMBER
REPORTS**
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Mr. McNiece toured schools with Lt. Gov. Jeff Colyer to hear about student community service projects and promote the Lt. Governor’s Citizenship Award. Mr. Roberts attended the Career and Technical Education Conference in Manhattan and the KEEN Conference in Topeka. Mrs. Busch reported on KSHSAA’s study of a proposal on classifications. Mrs. Waugh attended her first Board meeting with the Kansas Alliance for Arts in Education. She also attended legislative committee meetings and is working with the Confidence in Public Education Task Force on this year’s Challenge Awards. Mrs. Cauble participated in the Interstate Migrant Education Council conference in San Diego and talked about the various presentations. Mrs. Horst attended the KEEN awards luncheon and spent several days at the legislature. Mrs. Mah reported on attending the Kansas Workforce Summit and signing day at Washburn Tech.

During his Chairman's Report, Mr. Porter appointed Janet Waugh and John Bacon to serve on the interview team for the Kansas State School for the Blind and Kansas State School for the Deaf superintendent candidates. He commented on attendance at a breakfast sponsored by the Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools, discussed recent meetings with legislators and shared an overview of the next day's work session.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Mrs. Cauble requested a future status report on the Elementary Education Unified K-6 license, including higher education program interest and student obtainment.

BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

Additions to the travel requests were: Mrs. Mah - March 8 school visits with Commissioner Watson; Mr. Porter Feb. 24 Functional Family Therapy presentation in Pittsburg, March 13 KAEA meeting in Topeka. Mr. McNiece moved to approve the travel requests and additions. Mrs. Horst seconded. Motion carried 9-0.

RECESS

At 5:45 p.m., Chairman Porter recessed the meeting until 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Jim Porter, Chairman

Peggy Hill, Secretary

WORK SESSION — WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15, 2017

The Kansas State Board of Education convened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, for a work session, which was held in Room 509 of the Landon Building. Board members in attendance were: Chairman Porter, Vice Chair Busch, Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Cauble, Mrs. Horst, Mrs. Mah, Mr. McNiece, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Waugh.

Chairman Porter and Vice Chair Busch led the first part of the day's agenda addressing the question, "How do you as an individual see yourself and the Board as a whole, working to implement the State Board's vision?" Board members divided in small groups and reported on the conversations, citing the following recommendations:

- Support the vision in multiple settings
- Use applied resources
- Connect with the public, not just schools
- Enhance the business/education alliance
- Establish a subcommittee to reach out to businesses
- Create a PowerPoint to be used in presentations to civic groups
- Identify successful models and show benefits of the vision

The next discussion centered on the questions, "What is our role in the Legislative Process and how do we develop or improve relationships to enhance that role? Also, what areas can we all support?" Board members considered when they should take a position on legislative bills.

Following a break, Jay Scott began the presentation on the next round of Individual Plan of Study (IPS) activity, noting that the work surrounding an IPS will leverage the other vision outcomes. Jeff MacLeod with Career Cruising, the state preferred IPS vendor, said currently 180 school districts are using Career Cruising. He demonstrated such features as career matchmaker, resume builder and course planner. He also talked about the data integration with various school software systems.

Next, Travis Riebel and Shirley Yoder from Hutchinson described how USD 308 and the Career and Technical Education Academy are utilizing the Career Cruising model. The IPS process starts there in sixth grade. They showed a sample student portfolio and talked about what they've learned during the implementation process. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentations.

The work session concluded at 1 p.m.